

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

6. (Original) Apparatus for the breaking down of a melt into drops, said drops being caused to be ejected by the influence of centrifugal force and then solidify, including a number of disk units (12) which are rotatable around an axis and a means of distributions to uniformly distribute the melt circumferentially on the disks characterised in that the disk units are composed of a number of disks arranged axially one on top of the other, whose cross sections include a radial inner section with a mainly U-shaped recess in which a raised, essentially, L-shaped section of the closest underlying disk made in part with sufficient play therebetween to enable the radial ejection of a jet of liquid.

Claims 7-14 (Canceled).

15. (New) An apparatus for forming drops from a slurry, the apparatus comprising:

a plurality of rotatable disk units, the disk units comprising a number of disks arranged axially on top on each other, the disks have a cross-section comprising a radially inner section with a substantially U-shaped recess constructed to receive a raised L-shaped section of an adjacent disk with sufficient play therebetween to allow radial ejection of a jet of the slurry; and

a distributor for uniformly distributing the slurry onto the plurality of disk units.

16. (New) The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the L-shaped section of each disk is shaped such that an oblique, upright leg of the L-shape includes an oblique downward and inwardly directed surface adapted to receive the jet of slurry, and a contiguous horizontal transition surface connected thereto.

17. (New) The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the essentially U-shaped recess includes a radial, outer obliquely downward and outwardly directed second surface adapted to receive the jet of liquid.

18. (New) The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the first surface has an angle of inclination of 45-55° relative to the horizontal plane.

19. (New) The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the second surface has an angle of inclination of  $65-75^{\circ}$  relative to the horizontal plane.

20. (New) The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein a third surface is arranged and integrated with the second surface whereby an angle of inclination of third contact surface is  $< 10^{\circ}$  relative to the horizontal plane.